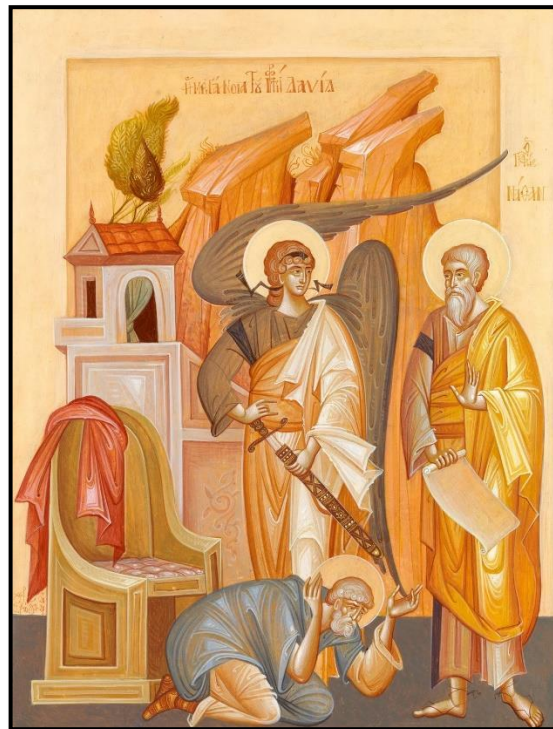


St. Peter's Anglican Church
Loveland, CO

HOLY EUCHARIST
Ash Wednesday (7 PM)

WELCOME
IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST



February 14, 2024

(Please enter silently.)

(The Officiant and people kneel.)

Processional: The Glory of These Forty Days – H #95

(A period of silent prayer follows.)

The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, through whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw
The loving God who gave the law;
And to Elijah, fasting, came
The steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
Delivered from the lions' might;
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
The herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
Full oft in fast and pray'r with thee;
Our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
And give us joy to see thy face.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
To thee be ev'ry pray'r addressed,
Who art in threefold Name adored,
From age to age, the only Lord.

Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Officiant: Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. In this manner, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need that all Christians continually have to renew our repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and alms-giving; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

And to make a right beginning, let us now pray for grace, that we may faithfully keep this Lent.

Collect for the Day

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, you have made nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(The people may sit.)

The First Lesson: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

1 Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near, 2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations.

12 "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; 13 and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. 14 Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; 16 gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. 17 Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



The Psalm 103:8-14

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and **mercy**, *
long-suffering and / of great **goodness**.
9 He will not always **hide** us, *
neither will he keep his an/ger **forever**.
10 He has not dealt with us according to our **sins**, *
nor rewarded us according to our /**wickedness**.
11 For as the heavens are high above the **earth**, *
so great is his mercy also toward those/ who **fear**
him.
12 As far as the east is from the **west**, *
so far has he set our/ sins **from** us.
13 As a father pities his own **children**, *
so is the Lord merciful to/ those **who** fear him.
14 For he knows whereof we are **made**; *
he remembers that we/ are **but** dust.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever Amen.

The Second Lesson: II Corinthians 5:20 – 6:10

5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

6:1 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 3 We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4 but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; 7 by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8 through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days- H # 98 (V. 1-3)

Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
And close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend,
And didst the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
In thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and chiefly live
By thy most holy Word.

Deacon or Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. 2 "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 5 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

16 "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret

will reward you. 19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

***Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days-
H # 98 (V. 4-5)***

And thro' these days of penitence,
And thro' thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! With us abide.

Abide with us, that so this life,
Of suffering overpast,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!

The Sermon

The Imposition of Ashes

Officiant: Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

Almighty God, you have created us from the dust of the earth: bless these ashes, we pray, that they may be for us a symbol of our mortality and a sign of our penitence, that we may remember that it is by your grace alone that we receive the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

(The ashes are imposed with the following words...)

Officiant: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

(Please kneel if you are able.)

Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great goodness;* according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults, * and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight, *

so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless in your judgment.

- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness, * and in sin my mother conceived me.
- 6 But behold, you desire truth in the inward parts * and shall make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 7 You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;* you shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 You shall make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.
- 9 Turn your face from my sins, * and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from your presence, * and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 12 O give me the comfort of your help again, * and sustain me with your willing Spirit.
- 13 Then shall I teach your ways unto the wicked, * and sinners shall return unto you.
- 14 Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, * and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips, * and my mouth shall show forth your praise.
- 16 For you desire no sacrifice, or else I would give it to you; * but you delight not in burnt-offerings.
- 17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; * a broken and contrite heart, O God, you shall not despise.

Deacon or Priest: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned, through our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Deacon or Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Deacon or Priest: For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for the pride, vanity and hypocrisy of our lives; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Deacon or Priest: For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those we think more fortunate than ourselves; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Deacon or Priest: For our unrighteous anger, bitterness and resentment; for all lies, gossip, and slander against our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Deacon or Priest: For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people, and our failure to give of ourselves in love; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Deacon or Priest: For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Deacon or Priest: For our dishonesty in daily life and work, our ingratitude for your gifts, and our failure to heed your call. Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Deacon or Priest: For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Deacon or Priest: For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Deacon or Priest: For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts and actions toward our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Deacon or Priest: For our negligence in prayer and worship, for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Deacon or Priest: For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

Deacon or Priest: For our failure to commend the faith that is in us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

People: For we have sinned against you.

All: Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath you remember mercy. Spare your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.
1 John 2:1-2

(Please stand as you are able.)

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

The Offering

“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God”.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory: Come, Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and power.

Chorus:

*I will rise and go to Jesus!
He will save me from my sin.
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh, there are ten thousand charms*

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

(Chorus)

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

(Chorus)

See Him prostrate in the garden
On the ground your Maker lies
On the bloody tree, behold him
Sinner, will this not suffice?

(Chorus)

(Please stand as you are able.)

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(Proper Preface) You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus with Benedictus (#756)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

(The people may kneel, stand, or sit.)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.***

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)

Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that

our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Agnus Dei (#758)

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.*

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(You may kneel, stand, or sit during Communion.)

Communion Hymns

O Jesus Bruised and Wounded More

O Jesus, bruised and wounded more
Than bursted grape, or bread of wheat,
The Life of life within our souls,
The Cup of our salvation sweet!

We come to show Thy dying hour,
Thy streaming vein, Thy broken flesh;
And still the blood is warm to save.
And still the fragrant wounds are fresh.

O Heart! that with a double tide
Of blood and water maketh pure,
O Flesh! once offered on the cross,
The gift that makes our pardon sure.

Wilt Thou Forgive That Sin

Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun,
Which is my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin, by which I won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallowed in a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
Swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.
And having done that, thou hast done,
I fear no more.

Merciful God - Getty

Merciful God, O abounding in love,
Faithful to all who draw near You;
Hearing the cries of the humble in heart,
Showing the cross they may cling to.
Broken I come, helpless in sin,
Found at the feet of Your mercy.
Father, forgive; may my sin be remembered no more.

Merciful God, O abounding in love,
Faithful through times we have failed You;
Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed,
Foolish in word and ungrateful.
Spirit of God, conquer our hearts
With love that flows from forgiveness;
Cause us to yield and return to the mercy of God.

Merciful God, O abounding in love,
Faithful to keep us from falling;
Guiding our ways with Your fatherly heart,
Growing our faith with each testing.
God speed the day struggles will end;
Faultless we'll gaze on Your glory.
Then we will stand overwhelmed by the mercy of God.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

***All:* Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart: that desiring you, we may seek you; and that seeking you, we may find you; and that finding you, we may love you; and that loving you, we may hate those sins from which you have delivered us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Recessional: Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
Walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
Led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
Moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
Far off yet here-the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self,
So daily living to your way of love,
We walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
Knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
So we are dead and live with you in God.

If dead in you, so in you we arise,
You the first-born of all the faithful dead;
And as through stony ground the green shoots break,
Glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,
So in the Father's glory shall we wake.

The Dismissal

Deacon or Priest: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**